GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3804
ANSWERED ON:17.04.2002
FOREIGN MINISTER`S VISITS TO CHINA
C. SREENIVAASAN;CHANDRA NATH SINGH;M.H. AMBAREESH;NAMDEO HARBAJI DIWATHE;PRAKASH V. PATIL;RADHA MOHAN SINGH;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK;SUKDEO PASWAN

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the bilateral and multilateral issues discussed by him during his recent visit to China;

(b) the agreements signed on the occasions including the terms of agreements;

(c) whether India and China agreed to complete the delineation of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) within a reasonable time frame; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Issues discussed during the visit of External Affairs Minister to China included visit of Prime Minister to China, clarification of the Line of Actual Control (LAC), establishment of an annual bilateral dialogue mechanism on counter-terrorism, trade and economic cooperation, tourism, and provision of hydrological data pertaining to the Brahmaputra river during flood season.

(b) No agreements were signed during the visit.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Both sides agreed to exchange maps of the LAC in the Western Sector at the next (12th) Expert Group Meeting in Beijing in June 2002. Both sides will also do their best to complete the exchange of maps of the LAC in the Western Sector by the end of 2002, and will then begin the exchange of maps of the LAC in the Eastern Sector early next year.